

Taheri, Diane

From: Taheri, Diane
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2014 2:33 PM
To: Gray, David
Subject: RE: NY Times request

Ok. I will let HQ know.

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: [Gray, David](#)
Sent: 11/16/2014 2:25 PM
To: [Taheri, Diane](#)
Subject: Re: NY Times request

Diane - this is from Saturdays report.

Harris County Pollution Control Services conducting off-site monitoring. As of 10:46, no off-site releases were detected. EPA START contractor also conducted air monitoring and did not detect any off-site releases.

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On Nov 16, 2014, at 2:04 PM, "Taheri, Diane" <Taheri.Diane@epa.gov> wrote:

We did not conduct the air monitoring.

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From: [Allen, Laura](#)
Sent: 11/16/2014 1:55 PM
To: [Taheri, Diane](#); [Gray, David](#)
Cc: [Purchia, Liz](#); [Lee, Monica](#)
Subject: Re: NY Times request

Thanks. Are we conducting the air monitoring?

From: Taheri, Diane
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2014 2:30 PM
To: Allen, Laura; Gray, David
Cc: Purchia, Liz; Lee, Monica
Subject: RE: NY Times request

Statement:

EPA was notified by the National Response Center on Saturday, November 15, 2014 that the DuPont Laporte facility reported a release of Methyl Mercaptan from its facility. Emergency responders are on-scene including the Channel Industries Mutual Aid, the US Coast Guard, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, county officials and EPA. Air monitoring is being conducted and initial results have not shown elevated levels of the chemical beyond the facility.

Let me know if there's changes. I can be reached at 214-864-7241

Diane Taheri

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From: [Allen, Laura](#)
Sent: 11/16/2014 12:30 PM
To: [Taheri, Diane](#); [Gray, David](#)
Cc: [Purchia, Liz](#); [Lee, Monica](#)
Subject: Re: NY Times request

Great, thank you.

From: Taheri, Diane
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2014 12:51 PM
To: Allen, Laura; Gray, David
Cc: Purchia, Liz; Lee, Monica
Subject: RE: NY Times request

I will prepare a statement and share for comment

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From: [Allen, Laura](#)
Sent: 11/16/2014 10:40 AM
To: [Taheri, Diane](#); [Gray, David](#)
Cc: [Purchia, Liz](#); [Lee, Monica](#)
Subject: Fw: NY Times request

Diane, do you have additional info you can share about our response to the chemical leak?

See below inquiry from the new York times.

Thank you!

From: Fernandez, Manny <mannyf@nytimes.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2014 8:23 PM
To: Johnson, Alisha; Allen, Laura
Subject: NY Times request

Alisha and Laura: Greetings. This is Manny Fernandez at the New York Times, the reporter who covers Texas for the paper.

Does either one of you have any info or details about the chemical leak today in La Porte, Tex., that killed 4 DuPont workers? Does the EPA have people at the scene and is there any indication what started the leak?

Thanks,
Manny
Cell: 202-489-9582